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SUBJECT: BAHRAIN ARMS REQUESTS

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1. DCM TOLD FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDERSECRETARY MANSOURI ON FEB. 28 THAT USG HAD NO OBJECTION TO SALE OF 2.75 INCH ROCKETS TO BAHRAIN, BUT THAT WE WISHED TO SELL ROCKETS DIRECTLY TO GOB AND NOT TO SAG FOR EVENTUAL RETRANSFER.

2. MANSOURI SAID SAG WOULD PREFER TO PURCHASE THE ROCKETS THEMSELVES SINCE SAG IS FOOTING THE BILL. THIS WAY SAG COULD HAVE THE BENEFIT OF SOME POLITICAL LEVERAGE OVER GOB. MANSOURI THEN COMMENTED THAT HE SUPPOSED USG HAD THE SAME PURPOSE IN MIND IN WANTING TO SELL THE ROCKETS DIRECTLY TO THE GOB.

3. DCM REPLIED THAT USG MOTIVE WAS NOT TO EXERCISE POLITICAL INFLUENCE OVER GOB, BUT RATHER TO AVOID ANY UNNECESSARY FURTHER ADDITIONS TO THE TOTALS OF USG ARMS SALES TO SAG. TO DO SO WOULD GIVE FURTHER AMMUNITION TO SAG'S ADVERSARIES WHO WERE ALREADY ARGUING THAT OUR ARMS

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SALES TO SAG WERE TOO LARGE.
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